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Ira Road Reopens; Hazardous Containers Removed

Brecksville, Ohio – The National Park Service (NPS) has reopened Ira Road between Akron Peninsula Road and Riverview Road.

At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, several containers were found on Ira Road between Akron Peninsula Road and Riverview Road. National Park Service rangers and Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department responded and following the safety protocol with potential hazardous material, secured the area. Ohio EPA was onsite this morning to assess the containers. There were 12 drums including 55-gallon and 30-gallon drums on one side of Ira Road and 30 containers, mostly 5-gallon and 1-gallon cans, on the other side. Some of the drums contained hazardous materials such as paint, oil-based waste, and possible solvents while many were empty. The Ohio EPA contractor Chemtron scraped away and removed a small area of impacted soil. They removed the soil and all of the containers from the site and will determine proper disposal. The waterway was not impacted.

“We appreciate the prompt reporting of this incident and the help our local partners provided in today’s response,” said Ohio EPA spokesman Mike Settles. “We would encourage anyone with information about this incident contact their local authorities or Ohio EPA’s 24-hour hotline at 1-800-282-9378 or the National Park Service dispatch at 440-546-5945.”

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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